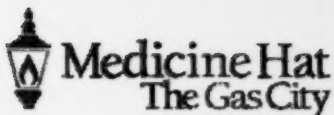


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CYPRESS COUNTY, TOWN OF REDCLIFF, CITY OF MEDICINE HAT CONTINUE INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DISCUSSIONS INTO SUMMER

MEDICINE HAT - Cypress County, the City of Medicine Hat and Town of Redcliff have been engaged in an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) for County land bordering the city and the town for the past year now.

The IDP is a statutory plan approved as a bylaw by the County, Town and City Council that identifies future land use. At the same time, the three parties are reviewing the potential for regional servicing for water, sewer and solid waste management.

The IDP was originally expected to come before the joint Councils for bylaw approval in mid 2007. This has now been postponed.

The IDP Steering Committee indicated that it prefers not to rush the process, but rather ensure that each municipality has the time to be comfortable with planning for urban fringe development for the next 50 years.

Therefore, a few more meetings will be needed into the summer to iron out a document amenable to all three Councils before taking it for public review. This also offers an opportunity for the Regional Services Study and the Trans-Canada Highway re-alignment study to catch up with the IDP process.

The Steering Committee is composed of a reeve, mayors, selected aldermen and councilors, municipal managers and planners.

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